

GENERAL BREVITIES.

A FRENCH woman went to Guy's Hospital, London, and offered a round sum for the privilege of marrying a dying man. She is married, and has a son. The name of Beranger's famous rival in lyric poetry. She was left a fortune of £20,000 by her uncle, a baker on one of the less fashionable boulevards. The money will not be hers until she marries, and as no eligible young man appears, she has been driven to the expedient of marrying a dying man. To that end her friends have applied at several Paris hospitals, but the authorities would not hear of such a deathbed mockery. The case was then presented to Mr. Uthoff, surgeon at Guy's, who was informed that if the dying man was a widower with children, they would be provided for. The offer was refused.

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